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Former Santa Monica Doctor Pleads in Prescription Fraud Scheme

A former Santa Monica physician pleaded no contest today to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dr. Daniel Shin, 50, returns to court on Nov. 4 for sentencing before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Charlaine Olmedo. Under the terms of a negotiated plea, he will be sentenced to three years in county jail in case BA421892.

Deputy District Attorneys Emily Street and Keith Koyano of the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting the case.

Shin, who has since lost his license to practice medicine, operated a pain management clinic in Santa Monica. Prosecutors said Shin along with his office manager, Thomas Mark Oseransky, 50, and a colleague, Dyno Travato West, 39, orchestrated a complex scheme to write and fill prescriptions for oxycodone.

West earlier pleaded no contest to conspiracy and multiple counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and was sentenced to 32 months in state prison.

Oseransky returns to Department 105 on Sept. 17 for a pretrial hearing.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.